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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of**

**Kikuji Horiuchi**

**Serial No.: 10/693,492**

**Group Art Unit: 3732**

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**Examiner: Candice Capri Stokes**

**For: ARTIFICIAL ROOT OF A TOOTH**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1-18 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1 and 14 are amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1 and 14 are independent.